





**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3672**

S/N 10/055,458

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	BISCHEL ET AL.	Examiner:	M. SMITH
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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING/DETACHING DRILL ROD		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.